

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shalaby W. Shalaby. <i>et. al.</i>	:	Examiner: Silverman, Eric E
APPLICATION NO.: 10/693,383	:	Group Art Unit: 1615
FILING DATE: October 23, 2003	:	
TITLE: SOLID AND SEMI-SOLID POLYMERIC IONIC CONJUGATES	:	

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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 30, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

This Communication is in response to the non-final Office Action issued November 30, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on November 30, 2006, and having an original period for response of three months, which expired on February 28, 2007, be extended by three months. Grant of this petition will cause the period to respond to expire on May 30, 2007. Accordingly, the response herewith filed is timely.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee for the three-month extension as stated under 37 C.F.R §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Applicants are also filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the subject application.

Claims 1-15 are pending in the subject application. In the November 30, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected all of these claims. Reconsideration of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested in light of the remarks which begin on page 2 of this Communication.